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I am disturbed that the people that are supposed to be looking out for the welfare of the general population are allowing a monopolist to essentially escape prosecution without any significant penalty.

I am VERY disturbed that Microsoft may be allowed to actually FURTHER their monopoly in the nation's schools under the guise of settling a class action suit.

As far as we know, Bill Gates never had an original thought in his life, and has become extremely wealthy by A) making profitable use of other people's work B) being in the right place at the right time C) actually having SOME business sense and, mainly D) using unfair and unlawful business tactics to create and maintain a monopoly.

Bill Gates SHOULD emerge from this action broke and in prison, not still holding title as the wealthiest man in the world.

Further, although it has never been proven, I suspect that Microsoft DELIBERATELY leaves flaws in their operating systems to make sure everyone will want to upgrade (at considerable expense) when they release the NEXT flawed (but proclaimed to be MORE stable) version.

If Microsoft is going to be allowed to settle any suit by providing something to schools, let's make it ALL the schools, and let Red Hat provide software for ALL the schools as they have offered to do at no charge, to keep the Microsoft monopoly from becoming even larger.

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